



JAMES RIGGS WARREN.

A long, honorable and useful life ended at 10 o'clock Wednesday night when Mr. James R. Warren closed his eyes in death. It is permitted few men to dwell as long upon the earth as he and few there are who pass through life as blameless as he did. At Hustonville, Nov. 9, 1804, 92 years and six months ago, Mr. Warren was born and all his life was lived in an area of a dozen miles. His early years were spent on a farm and his education was confined to the meagre advantages of that early day, but he was always a student, especially of the Bible, and amassed a store of knowledge that few men possess. Shortly after reaching his majority Mr. Warren began merchandising and devoted many years to that pursuit. He moved to Stanford and opened a store here and for 10 years filled the office of postmaster in a most satisfactory manner. An original whig, he united with the republicans after the war, but he was never tied by party lines, frequently voting for those he thought best fitted to fill the offices whether they were his party's nominees or the others'.

In religion he was in the strictest sense a firm believer of the teachings of Alexander Campbell and took no stock in what he termed the latter day deviations from it. He studied the Word in season and out and took the greatest pleasure in proving the promises therein. He was fond of argument and could hold a hand with even the learned clergy in any matters of a scriptural nature. For 60 years and until he was physically unable to do so he took a prominent part in church affairs and even after he could barely get about he would come down and preside at the communion table and speak words of comfort and encouragement to the discouraged and recite the story of the Savior's undying love for his people. Until a few weeks before his death his mind was unclouded and his faith as firm as when he first accepted God and his Book for his faith and practice.

Mr. Warren was married three times, his last wife, who was Miss Maria Van Pelt, surviving him. His other wives had six children each and of them six are living, Mrs. Joseph Severance, Misses, Maria, Emma and Effie Warren and Messrs. A. A. Warren, of this place, and Samuel Warren, of Chetoka, Kansas. The first named is in the loss of her father doubly bereaved, as within a month she has seen a fond and devoted husband taken from her.

Mr. Warren was very fond of the study of phrenology and delighted to examine heads. His last contribution to this paper, of which he made many in the last 20 years, was with reference to that subject and told how he had examined Gov. Bradley's head when a boy and predicted that he would become an extraordinary man. The governor acknowledged the article in a personal letter, of which Mr. Warren was very proud.

At the funeral of his son-in-law, Mr. Joseph Severance, Mr. Warren took cold and it developed into rheumatism, which was the immediate cause of his death. There will be a short service by Eld. Joseph Ballou at his late residence at 10 o'clock this morning, after which the burial will occur in Buffalo Cemetery.

The old gentleman had laid in a stupor for several days, but before that his mind seemed to be clear and his faith unclouded. In a conversation with Bro. Ballou a few days ago he made his favorite quotation from Ecclesiastes: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man," adding that he had tried in his poor way to live up to that command. He has been anxious for the change for some time and it found him ready. He was faithful unto death, henceforth he will wear the crown of life, which the God in Whom he put his trust, has promised. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

Queen Victoria has had over 70 descendants, over 60 of whom are living. She has had nine children, seven of whom are living, and innumerable grand-children and great-grand-children.

The graduating class of the Kentucky State college numbers twenty-eight members and is the largest in the history of the institution.

## IN THE MOUNTAINS.

## An I. J. Man Picks up Items of Interest.

While the crowd at Mt. Vernon Monday was good, it was not up to the average first day of a circuit court gathering. The light rain of the evening before made plowing "just right" and a good many of the yeomanry did the sensible thing by remaining at home and tilling the soil. The irrepressible patent medicine man did not show up, but two phonograph men were present and entertained the democrats with Bryan's Chicago speech and the republicans with McKinley's inaugural effort. The newspaper men bobbed up rather conspicuously and what they did for the crowd was a plenty.

Politics was the absorbing theme of the day. Some were disappointed because of failure to receive office, others were kicking because of unfair treatment in the recent republican primary and there were several who were displeased at the failure of the arrival of the much-promised prosperity. Strange to say, the rads were the principal grumblers, and as they got what they voted for, they received little consolation from their political opponents.

A heavy docket with four murder cases was what Circuit Clerk Sam Lewis handed over to Judge Morrow, but it is not probable that more than one of the murder cases will be tried and many of the other cases will go over until next term. It is mighty hard to continue court more than a week at Mt. Vernon.

While Rockcastle went over 600 republican last November, there have been bets of even money made that the only two democrats who will be put out for county offices will win. Mr. R. G. Williams will be put up against Judge D. P. Bethune, present incumbent, for county judge, and he will win beyond doubt, while Judge G. W. McClure's race for county attorney against W. H. Colyer will be a too one-sided one to talk about. Scores of republicans have pledged their support to Messrs. Williams and McClure and with clean records and of sterling worth, these gentlemen will walk into office as sure as November comes.

John Wesley Baker, one of the strongest republicans in the county, has come out as an independent candidate for sheriff and stands a good show to win. Henry Catron, the republican nominee, is also a strong man, and the battle between them promises to be a royal one. Baker will get a good many democratic votes.

Rockcastle people are all torn up over the removal of Dr. Eugene J. Brown to Stanford. Besides being at the top of his profession, "Dr. Gene," as he is familiarly called, is a gentleman from head to foot, a democrat to the core and a friend to every man, woman and child in the county. He was chairman of the democratic county committee and made a capital one.

Miss Ida May Adams, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Adams, who graduated at Mt. Vernon Thursday, is perhaps the youngest graduate in the State. She is just 15, is bright as a new dollar and is as captivating and amiable as she is pretty.

Some splendid stone is being gotten out in Rockcastle and shipped to various parts of the country. Dr. A. G. Lovell has a valuable quarry, while W. J. Sparks, Wm. Mullins and Tilman Gilpin are working one which sends out from 12 to 20 car loads daily. The latter people have a contract to furnish ballast for the K. C. division of the L. & N. and are setting in place a crusher which has a capacity of 50 tons per hour.

My old friend, Tom Stewart, who was considered an avowed old bachelor, slipped off to Jackson county a few days since and returned with a handsome wife, who was Miss Lucy Martin. His marriage was a general surprise to his legion of friends.

Lloyd Maret, son of Editor James Maret, is now local editor of the Signal and is probably the youngest member of the triad in the State. He inherits his father's genius, however, and his youth does not prevent his filling the responsible position most efficiently.

There is a desire on the part of some to license saloons in Mt. Vernon and the sense of the people will be taken on the question soon. Whisky was very much in evidence Monday and the number of drunken men was distressingly large. Some of the strongest prohibitionists, I am told, will not fight the proposition to sell whisky publicly, believing it can't be worse than it is now.

The several additions to Mt. Vernon have made it a town of no mean pretensions. The White Addition has the College and a number of beautiful homes, while the Adams Addition has two churches, a store and scores of pretty residences. Mr. A. Pennington runs the store and is doing a lively business.

Talk about the Brodhead Fair has already begun and arrangements are being made for it. At a meeting of the directors a few days ago E. E. Protheroe was again made president; J. W. Tate was re-elected vice-president; R. H. Hamm, who made a capital secretary last year, was again pressed into duty and J. Thomas Cherry was chosen treasurer; Ed Albright having for good reasons declined to hold that office another year. The dates decided on are August 18, 19 and 20, and nothing will be left undone to make them gala days in Brodhead's history.

Mt. Vernon has four thriving millinery stores, one more than Stanford has with several times the population. An old gentleman in speaking of the large number remarked to me: "These hat shops are worse on the county than those turnpike raiders you have down in the blue-grass," and he looked like he meant every word he said.

I had the pleasure of a visit to Brodhead, Livingston, Barbourville and London, but I neither saw nor heard anything worthy the space to write about. Barbourville looks a little the "worse for wear," since the Bradley Guards had their fun some months ago. The court-house caught 40 or 50 of the bullets and the windows do not present an appearance that would cause a stranger to want to locate in the town. Circuit court is in session at London and a big crowd was there. Laurel's capital still continues to grow and is indeed a substantial little city now. The Belle Bennett Memorial College building is nearing completion and a handsome one it will be. It will be a grand monument to Miss Bennett, who has striven so hard in building it.

E. C. W.

## MATRIMONIAL.

A boy aged 15 and a girl one year his junior, were married in Caldwell county.

John Mingua was run down and killed by a Cincinnati Southern train near Nicholasville.

A Nashville youth attempted suicide because a Kentucky girl would not go riding with him.

Mrs. Sallie Burks, who had recently sued for divorce, drowned herself in the Ohio river near Huntington, W. Va.

Purnell Messick, of Dover, Del., has been refused a divorce six times but he is preparing to make another effort to secure one.

In the breach of promise suit of Miss Eliza Arnett against A. F. Gardner, at Salyersville, the plaintiff was awarded \$8,000 damages.

Ell Lewis values the affections of his wife at \$10,000. At least he has sued James Johnson at Paintsville, for that amount for alienating them.

Michigan has a ninety-nine-year-old woman who has been married nineteen times. Just for form's sake, it is to be hoped that she will be able to quit even all around.

Mr. John Blankenship, a widower, and Miss Mollie Cook, of the East End, drove to this place Wednesday and were made one by Rev. R. R. Noel at his residence.

William Easley, of Todd county, and his wife, who has been living in Indiana, have been reunited after each had lived for nearly half a century in the belief that the other was dead.

Two members of a British chess club played a tournament to see which should be left free to woo a certain young lady. Before the contest was decided she married a third man.

Mrs. Minnie Carlin, aged forty-three, the wife of Peter Carlin, only daughter of one of the wealthiest farmers in Daviess county, ran off with George W. Sheppard, a nineteen-year-old farm hand.

In Cumberland county, Miss Sarah Daniel and Barlow Prewitt were married. The groom is an epileptic, while the bride is a paralytic and almost helpless. So it appears that there is one marriage contracted purely for love.

Col. E. Polk Johnson is back from Europe in time to see his daughter, Miss Pickett, married to Mr. Zorn. The colonel spent a long time in London as agent from the treasury department and got both pleasure and profit out of his stay.

Miss Alice Dizney, of Grays, Ky., was married at Canadian, Texas, this week to Clarence Vanness, whom she had never seen until the day of her marriage. She got him by advertising in a Chicago matrimonial paper, and fooled her people as to her intentions by pretending that she was going to visit her brother in Oklahoma.

B. D. Bomable, a prominent G. A. R. veteran, of Bracken county, lost his first wife three months ago. A few weeks since he married Mrs. Naoma Carroll, a widow. The marriage appeared to be felicitous for awhile, but the old man made the old woman mad Tuesday and she gave him a drubbing at Vanceburg in the presence of 50 people, who let her fight till she was exhausted.



MISS LUCILE CLARK.

We give our readers a rest from candidates' faces for this issue, by presenting a picture of the young lady from Boyle county, who is to be one of the contestants for the prize at the declamatory contest at Walton's Opera House June 18th. Miss Clark is not only very attractive and handsome, but a young lady of many talents, and she has cultivated them with assiduity. From her earliest school days she has shown an aptitude for elocution and declamation and has won several prizes in such contests. Since she declaimed here a year ago, when she came within one vote of securing first honors, Miss Clark has graduated in elocution at Potter College, Bowling Green and her friends are sure she will win easily next time.

## VICINITY NEWS.

Danville is talking about raising a military company.

The Madison County Fiscal Court bought twenty-eight miles more of turnpikes.

The remains of Prof. Jason Chenault were removed from Louisville to the Richmond cemetery.

Boyle will vote on the free turnpike question next November, 15 per cent, and more of the voters having petitioned it.

Central University Commencement exercises will begin June 6th and continue three days. There will be twelve graduates.

The conference of miners and operators of the Jellico District adjourned without reaching any agreement. A committee from each side was appointed to visit surrounding districts and ascertain the scale of wages paid other miners and report at a meeting to be held early in June.

## DEMOCRATIC MASS CONVENTION.

Pursuant to a call of the democratic executive State committee, there will be a mass convention held in the court house in Stanford on Saturday, May 29th at 2 o'clock P. M., standard time, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State convention that meets at Frankfort on June 2nd to nominate a candidate for the office of clerk of the court of appeals to be voted for at the ensuing November election. All democrats who agree to support the nominee of said convention, are invited to take part in selecting the delegates. J. E. CARSON, chm'n. Dem. Ex. Committee.

May Campbell, a variety actress of Cincinnati, hid in a clothes closet in Maud Devere's room at St. Louis and listened while her husband and Devere arranged for an elopement. Then she emerged with a revolver and put five bullets into her husband and one into the woman. She then gave herself up to the police. Campbell was fatally shot through the lungs and throat. The woman's wound will not be fatal.

A Confederate Monument was dedicated near New York Saturday, with Ex-P. M. General Wilson as principal speaker. It is a monolith of granite 51 feet high. The base lifts the monument nine feet higher. It is erected on the side of a hill and bears this inscription: "Sacred to the Memory of the Heroic Dead of the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York."

The application of 18 Kentucky banks for an injunction to prevent the collection of taxes under the recent decision of the court of appeals will come up before the United States circuit court at Nashville June 1.

Gov. Bradley has issued a proclamation requesting that all business be suspended and schools dismissed to observe decoration day, which will be next Monday, as the 30th falls on Sunday.

Editor Adams, of the Richmond Pan-graph, received the following letter: "Mister Editor, dear sir, please stop your paper. Sister Annie died on Monday after reading your last week's number."

The Yerkes telescope makes an ordinary star look nine million times as large as it does to the naked eye.

SUMMER TOURISTS.—Low rate, round trip tickets are now on sale from Queen & Crescent stations to Cumberland Falls, Rugby, Burnside, Spring City and Lookout Mountain. Liberal rates and limits. Ask your agent about it. W. C. Rinearson, gen'l pass'r agt., Cincinnati, O.

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